AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of responding to a request for data about an enterprise, the method comprising the steps of:

storing a plurality of names for a single entity associated with the enterprise as a first plurality of corresponding concepts in a database of concepts and relationships among concepts, which database describes a plurality of entities associated with the enterprise, wherein each name of the plurality of names is associated with a particular concept of the first plurality of corresponding concepts;

designating a first concept of the first plurality of corresponding concepts as a normative concept, wherein the normative concept is used to relate the single entity to other entities of the enterprise;

storing in the database a first relationship of a first relationship type, the first relationship defined for the first concept and an alternative concept of the first plurality of corresponding concepts;

storing in the database a second relationship of a second relationship type between the first concept and a second concept not among the first plurality of corresponding concepts, wherein the second concept is different than the first concept;

receiving a request including data indicating a particular name of the plurality of names, wherein the request does not include data indicating a first name corresponding to the first concept, wherein:

the particular name corresponds to a particular alternative concept of the first plurality of corresponding concepts; and

the database does not include a relationship defined for the second concept and the particular alternative concept; and

in response to receiving the request, sending a response including content of a file that is associated in the database with the ~~first~~ second concept.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

1   4.   (Canceled).

1   5.   (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of names include at

2   least one of a synonym for the first name corresponding to the first concept, an acronym

3   for the first name, and a translation of the first name into a different language than a

4   language of the first name.

1   6.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [[2]] 1, wherein the first relationship

2   includes an attribute indicating the alternative concept is one of a synonym for the first

3   concept, an acronym for the first concept, and a translation into a different language than

4   a language of the first name corresponding to the first concept.

1   7.   (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 5, wherein the plurality of names includes

2   the synonym for the first name; and wherein the synonym for the first name includes a

3   misspelling of the first name.

1   8.   (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 5, wherein the plurality of names includes

2   the synonym for the first name; and wherein the synonym for the first name comprises an

3   acronym of the first concept or a translation into a different language than a language of

4   the first name corresponding to the first concept.

1   9.   (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of adding a name to the

2   plurality of names based on the data included in the request.

1   10.   (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the entities include at least one of a set of

2   products of the enterprise, a set of services of the enterprise and a set of activities of the

3   enterprise.

1   11.   (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 10, wherein the entities include the set of

2   activities of the enterprise; and wherein the set of activities of the enterprise include at

3   least one of administration, research, marketing, joint ventures and documentation.

1   12.   (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of

2   instructions for responding to a request for data about an enterprise, which instructions,

3   when executed by one or more processors, cause the one or more processors to carry out

4   the steps of:

5   storing a plurality of names for a single entity associated with the enterprise as a first

6   plurality of corresponding concepts in a database of concepts and relationships

7   among concepts, which database describes a plurality of entities associated with

8   the enterprise, wherein each name of the plurality of names is associated with a

9   particular concept of the first plurality of corresponding concepts;

10   indicating a first concept of the first plurality of corresponding concepts as a normative

11   concept, wherein the normative concept is used to relate the single entity to other

12   entities of the enterprise;

13   storing in the database a first relationship of a first relationship type, the first relationship

14   defined for the first concept and an alternative concept of the first plurality of

15   corresponding concepts;

16   storing in the database a second relationship of a second relationship type between the

17   first concept and a second concept not among the first plurality of corresponding

18   concepts, wherein the second concept is different than the first concept;

19   receiving a request including data indicating a particular name of the plurality of names,

20   wherein the request does not include data indicating a first name corresponding to

21   the first concept, wherein:

22   the particular name corresponds to a particular alternative concept of the first

23   plurality of corresponding concepts; and

24   the database does not include a relationship defined for the second concept and

25   the particular alternative concept; and

26   in response to receiving the request, sending a response including content of a file that is

27   associated in the database with the ~~first~~ second concept.

1   13.   (Canceled)

1   14.   (Canceled)

1   15.   (Canceled).

1   16.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 12, wherein the

2   plurality of names include at least one of a synonym for the first name corresponding to

3   the first concept, an acronym for the first name, and a translation of the first name into a

4   different language than a language of the first name.

1   17.   (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of Claim ~~13~~ 12, wherein the first

2   relationship includes an attribute indicating the alternative concept is one of a synonym

3   for the first concept, an acronym for the first concept, and a translation into a different

4   language than a language of the first name corresponding to the first concept.

1   18.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 16, wherein the

2   plurality of names includes the synonym for the first name; and wherein the synonym for

3   the first name includes a misspelling of the first name.

1   19.   (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 12, wherein the instructions further

2   cause the one or more processors to carry out the step of adding a name to the plurality of

3   names based on the data included in the request.

1   20.   (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 12, wherein the entities include at

2   least one of a set of products of the enterprise, a set of services of the enterprise and a set

3   of activities of the enterprise.

1   21.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 20, wherein the entities

2   include the set of activities of the enterprise; and wherein the set of activities of the

3   enterprise include at least one of administration, research, marketing, joint ventures and

4   documentation.

1   22.   (Currently Amended) A system for responding to a request for data about an enterprise,

2   the system comprising:

3   a means for storing a plurality of names for a single entity associated with the enterprise;

4   a means for indicating a first name of the plurality of names as a normative name,

5   wherein the normative name is used to relate the single entity to other entities of

6   the enterprise;

7   a means for storing a first relationship of a first relationship type, the first relationship

8   defined for the first name and an alternative name of the plurality of names;

9   a means for storing a second relationship of a second relationship type between the first

10   name and particular information not among the plurality of names, wherein the

11   particular information is different than the first name;

12   a means for receiving a request including data indicating a particular name of the

13   plurality of names, wherein the request does not include data indicating the first

14   name and the database does not include a relationship defined for the particular

15   information and the particular name; and

16   a means for sending a response including content of a file that is associated in a database

17   with the ~~first name~~ particular information in response to receiving the request,

18   which database describes a plurality of entities associated with the enterprise.

1   23.   (Canceled)

1   24.   (Canceled)

1   25.   (Canceled).

1   26.   (Original) The system of Claim 22, wherein the plurality of names include at least one of

2   a synonym for the first name, an acronym for the first name, and a translation of the first

3   name into a different language than a language of the first name.

1   27.   (Currently Amended) The system of Claim ~~23~~ 22, wherein the first relationship includes

2   an attribute indicating the alternative name is one of a synonym for the first name, an

3   acronym for the first name, and a translation into a different language than a language of

4   the first name.

1   28.   (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 26, wherein the plurality of names includes

2   the synonym for the first name; and wherein the synonym for the first name includes a

3   misspelling of the first name.

1   29.   (Original) The system of Claim 22, further comprising a means for adding a name to the

2   plurality of names based on the data included in the request.

1   30.   (Original) The system of Claim 22, wherein the entities include at least one of a set of

2   products of the enterprise, a set of services of the enterprise and a set of activities of the

3   enterprise.

1   31.   (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 30, wherein the entities include the set of

2   activities of the enterprise; and wherein the set of activities of the enterprise include at

3   least one of administration, research, marketing, joint ventures and documentation.

1   32.   (Currently Amended) A system for responding to a request for data about an enterprise,

2   the system comprising:

3   a database of concepts and relationships among concepts describing a plurality of entities

4   associated with the enterprise; and

5   a processor configured to perform the steps of:

6   storing a plurality of names for a single entity associated with the enterprise as a

7   first plurality of corresponding concepts in the database, wherein each

8   name of the plurality of names is associated with a particular concept of

9   the first plurality of corresponding concepts;

10   indicating a first concept of the first plurality of corresponding concepts as a

11   normative concept, wherein the normative concept is used to relate the

12   single entity to other entities of the enterprise;

13   storing in the database a first relationship of a first relationship type, the first

14   relationship defined for the first concept and an alternative concept of the

15   first plurality of corresponding concepts;

16   storing in the database a second relationship of a second relationship type between

17   the first concept and a second concept not among the first plurality of

18   corresponding concepts, wherein the second concept is different than the

19   first concept;

20   receiving a request including data indicating a particular name of the plurality of

21   names, wherein the request does not include data indicating a first name

22   corresponding to the first concept, wherein:

23   the particular name corresponds to a particular alternative concept of the

24   first plurality of corresponding concepts; and

25   the database does not include a relationship defined for the second concept

26   and the particular alternative concept; and

27   in response to receiving the request, sending a response including content of a file

28   that is associated in the database with the ~~first~~ second concept.

1   33.   (Canceled)

1   34.   (Canceled)

1   35.   (Canceled).

1   36.   (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 32, wherein the plurality of names include

2   at least one of a synonym for the first name corresponding to the first concept, an

3   acronym for the first name, and a translation of the first name into a different language

4   than a language of the first name.

1   37.   (Currently Amended) The system of Claim ~~33~~ 32, wherein the first relationship includes

2   an attribute indicating the alternative concept is one of a synonym for the first concept, an

3   acronym for the first concept, and a translation into a different language than a language

4   of the first name corresponding to the first concept.

1   38.   (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 36, wherein the plurality of names includes

2   the synonym for the first name; and wherein the synonym for the first name includes a

3   misspelling of the first name.

1   39.   (Original) The system of Claim 32, the processor further configured to perform the step

2   of adding a name to the plurality of names based on the data included in the request.

1   40.   (Original) The system of Claim 32, wherein the entities include at least one of a set of

2   products of the enterprise, a set of services of the enterprise and a set of activities of the

3   enterprise.

1   41.   (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 40, wherein the entities include the set of

2   activities of the enterprise; and wherein the set of activities of the enterprise include at

3   least one of administration, research, marketing, joint ventures and documentation.

1   42.   (Canceled)